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TO AMEMBASSY LISBON PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AZORES NEGOTIATIONS

1. AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY HAD LUNCHEON WITH AMBASSADOR THEMIDO ON SEPTEMBER 3. THE MEETING HAD BEEN MUTUALLY AGREED TO IN EARLY AUGUST AS AN APPROPRIATE OPENING TO THE NEGOTIATIONS. NOTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE TRANSPIRED, HOWEVER, BECAUSE AMBASSADOR THEMIDO HAD NOT RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM LISBON ON SPECIFIC ISSUES TO RAISE IN THE DISCUSSIONS. THEMIDO INDICATED THAT HE SHOULD BE RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS IN TEN DAYS TO TWO WEEKS, AT WHICH TIME ANOTHER MEETING WILL BE HELD.

2. THEMIDO HAD NO INSIGHTS INTO WHAT THE GOP WOULD REQUEST IN RETURN FOR OUR BASE RIGHTS, THOUGH HE LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT THE QUID WOULD BE MORE SPECIFIC THAN THAT PRESENTED IN EARLY AUGUST.

3. THEMIDO SAID FONMIN SOARES WANTED TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY DURING THE UPCOMING UNGA, PREFERABLY IN WASHINGTON.
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TON AND BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 16 AND 24. SOARES ALSO PLANS

TO MEET WITH CONGRESSIONAL AND LABOR LEADERS DURING HIS
STAY IN WASHINGTON.

4. COMMENT: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY THOUGHTS THE
EMBASSY MIGHT HAVE AS TO WHY THE GOP HAS BEEN UNABLE TO
DEVELOP A POSITION, IN LIGHT OF ITS INITIATIVE TO
ACTIVATE THE NEGOTIATIONS AT AN EARLY DATE.

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